

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

Statement on the South Korea-Japan Announcements Regarding Compensation for Korean Victims of Forced Labor During Japanese Colonial Rule

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Today's announcements between the Republic of Korea and Japan mark a groundbreaking new chapter of cooperation and partnership between two of the United States closest allies. With two historic foreign ministerial statements, President Yoon and Prime Minister Kishida are taking a critical step to forge a future for the Korean and Japanese people that is safer, more secure, and more prosperous.

The United States will continue to support the leaders of Japan and the Republic of Korea as they take steps to translate this new understanding into enduring progress. When fully realized, their steps will help us to uphold and advance our shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

As we move ahead, I look forward to continuing to strengthen and enhance the trilateral ties between the Republic of Korea, Japan, and the United States. As today's announcements remind us, our countries are stronger—and the world is safer and more prosperous—when we stand together.

NOTE: The statement referred to President Yoon Suk Yeol of South Korea; and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan.

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